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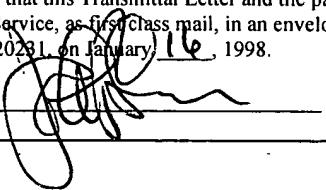
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Johnson et al. Examiner: Unassigned  
Serial No.: 08/879,070 Group Art Unit: 2411  
Filed: June 19, 1997 Docket: 7709.130US01  
Title: INVENTORY SALES SYSTEM AND METHOD



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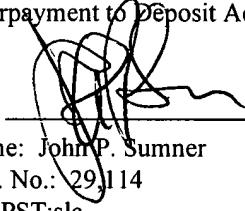
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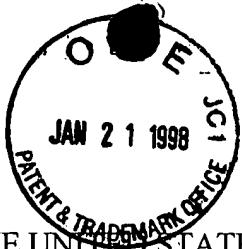
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- Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- Other: Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449, and cited reference
- Return postcard

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. §1.97(b))

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the item of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the item listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

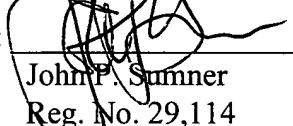
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of the document listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

No representation is made that the reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 or 103, and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference is not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that the reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of the reference is intended.

Consideration of the item listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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